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Dear Dave,

Your TV frined Fine who called last night sounds like one of the more decent ones. Not having seen Anson's book I could make a few general suggestions only. The time he called, however, was fine for the growing impatience. I've been really sick only once before in my life, this year, when I had pneumonia and pleurisy. I'm not used to it and there is so much work I have to and want to do!

If and when we can Jim and I want to do something about these ripoff artists. So, as you read the books, please makes notes of what in my youth was frowned upon and was called plagiarism. Today it is scholarship. I have a long record on Lane, for example, and if he doesn't stop the wrecking it may be necessary to go after him (Dell Jim's aches for and published my earlier work and gypped). An independent recognition may be worhh more. and Dell owes me much Jim hasn't gotten around to doing anything about. Time.

I'm coming along, but slowly. No dramatic changes. They seem, finally, to have reached the level of anti-coagulent I require. But I've not yet learned the limits of what I can do safely. I don't feel badly and I'm used to being active. Yesterday I had to go for a blood test (the guy who had been nice enough to come here had a trick knee fixed. This and an number of other necessary stops in town plus work I had to do when I got home, like going to and from the cellar for packaging materials, had me aching again. So, a night of phone calls while I sat and rested was not unwelcome! And it kep my mind from what I wanted to do and shouldn't.

Pressures have been so great I've not been able to prepare my speech for the Belin dedate tomorrow night. I have it written, a draft that has to be too long. Anticipating that this might be the case I have it arranged so I can knock it off with the statement time seems to deny the audience the best possible case of Belin rearranging the assassination. True, too, as one way or another I'll get to show. Instead of addressing the Report I'm addressing Belin's part. No long arguments like Sylvia's on the Givens statement. I've one graf on that. The unknown and nedless cases of corruption I refer to with polite words. I'd expected to go into PM with slide in the question period by silence from the student who came a week ago and made the slides. I'll have a few xeroxes I'll give Belin to read instead if I have to! My purpose in this is not to wreck Belin but to get him to join the demand for an investigation. Doing it horn-to-horn is probably the wrong way with a psycho but I believe there is no other.

I can move around within reasonable limits. If I had to I could rive to DC, but until the first round trip was over I'd be uneasy and might feel irresponsible. The swelling in the left leg has not gone down and is often, after activity, greater. However, I had no trouble with Friday's press conference. And none with a tough but questionless audience of about 40 reporters not one of whom wrote a good story. But they did get some word out. It was necessary to hold the press conference because indications from those with advance copies were that they were doing nothing, most likely because the stuff is too hot. So I used the press conference to show the stuff and that to charge perjury and prove it and that to dare all those named to testify jointly, both under penalty of perjury, and that did get out. To date no call saying "Glad to do it, buddy." And yesterday Specter got a chance to duck the press in Philadelphia, the day he was to announce for the Senate. The kids at Maryland are combing the area with the list of Commission lawyers I gave them to get any one or combination to face me there the 24th. Expect none. But we try.

I rather expect that at a slower pace and with more limited walking and carrying I can go around making speeches. It would be good if they could be organized, that is less travelling per speech. I'm up to it if there isn't long walking at airports and all-night bull-sessions. (I take sleeping pills. Not to get to sleep, which is no problem, but to stay asleep. The good one, no after-effects, works for 5-6 hours and then has enough residual drowsiness power to let me doze intermittently.)

If it is possible to tape what these ripoff artists say it may be more helpful than their writing. I know Bantam had Anson's gone over because I know it spent a long time in their legal department and I threatened them in advance. But Lane in partocular slips up and claims as his own work everything-even Groden's on the Z film.

I don't remember if we sent you a Post Mortem so while I'm letting the oil dry on the cracking leg skin and looking at the a.m. news I'll get one ready. Best,